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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of December 13, 2006, in which a one-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 16, 2007 (January 13, 2007 falling on a Saturday and January 15, 2007 falling on a Federal holiday), Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Invention I (as identified by the Examiner), comprising claims 1-8 and 16-23. The above election is made with traverse for the reasons set forth below.